

REMARKS

Sheet 6 of the drawings has been amended to separately label the two figures as Figures 7A and 7B. A corrected drawing sheet is included.

Claims 1, 7, 11, and 13 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112.

Claims 1-5, 7-10, and 13-16 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Ostrobrod, US Patent 5,975,499. Ostrobrod shows a sleeve 20 receiving a bar 24, the bar having a flange (unlabelled flange abutting member 22). The movable assembly 16 has a bracket 26 sized to fit over the bar 24. Notice, however, that the bracket 26 is not sized to fit over the flange, which the Office equates with the nub of the present claims. In fact, Figures 1-4 of Ostrobrod clearly show that the flange of the bracket 26 abuts against the flange of the sleeve 20. Clearly, the flange and the sleeve 20 do not have substantially the same width, and clearly the bracket 26 is not sized to fit over either of the flange and the sleeve 20.

Regarding Claim 7, Ostrobrod also fails to teach both the sleeve and the bar adapted to mount a movable spindle. Only the bar 24 of Ostrobrod is adapted to mount the assembly 14.

Regarding Claim 11, Ostrobrod also fails to teach a movable gearbox assembly comprising a mount to receive a power drill and a bracket sized to fit over either of the bar and the nub, and a mechanism to depress a power switch of the power drill when the power drill is mounted to the gearbox assembly, and a foot pedal assembly to couple the power drill to a power source when the foot pedal is operated.

Regarding Claim 13, Ostrobrod fails to teach a boom comprising a sleeve sized to fit over an end of the base bar at a first end and to fit over an end of an extension bar at a second end, the sleeve comprising a nub having substantially the same width as the extension bar, and a movable spindle assembly adapted to mount over either the extension bar or the nub of the sleeve.

In light of the amendments and remarks, please allow all claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

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